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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Hello. I am a Sonic customer and receive DSL internet and VOIP home phone service through Sonic, over AT&T lines, at my apartment in the Mission District of San Francisco. I am low-income, and eligible for the California Universal Lifeline subsidy to receive discounted home telephone service from AT&T, which had been my provider for many years (before that, SBC, and before that, Pacific Bell, as different buyouts and mergers took over the administration of the same phone number at the same residential address since 1996.) However, I switched to Sonic, who does not offer the Universal Lifeline discount, because even without the discount their bundled price for internet and telephone service with voicemail is cheaper than AT&T's for the same; AT&T raised their internet prices significantly this year and I could no longer afford to receive basic telephone and DSL internet with them. I do not have a cell phone, so the home phone and internet are my sole means of communication. I am also a student at San Francisco State University, and internet access is a requirement for school assignments. On a fixed income, I need competitively priced alternatives to giant AT&T, like local company Sonic whose tech support phone operators are actually in California, to be able to balance my budget each month. I support competitive pricing and local internet providers. Thank you.

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